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THE STAMPS OF CANADA.

BY J. R. HOOPER.

For some time the writer has been collecting data, figures, etc., in connection with the issue of postage stamps in Canada, and although disjointed items have appeared time and time again, nothing like an authentic account has been attempted of these stamps alone.

In the first place it must be borne in mind that I intend to deal with the stamps of old Canada, which formed a very small part of British North America, and included what is now known as the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. These two provinces were known before Confederation in 1866 as Upper and Lower Canada.

On May 21, 1849, notice is mentioned in the Legislative Assembly, of Canada, referring to the establishment of a general postoffice. On May 22, the following day, a resolution was brought up that postage stamps be engraved and put into use. This passed the Assembly on May 25th and received the assent of the Legislative Council on the 26th. The Canadian Post Office was transferred to the Provincial Government by the Imperial authorities on April 6th, 1851, stamps of the values of 3-pence, 6-pence and 1 shilling having in the meantime been distributed to postmasters. At this period it took a letter ten and a half days to go from Quebec City to Windsor or Detroit, and this time was reduced to forty-nine hours in 1857, when the pony express messenger and fast stage coaches were used. The mail carriers were armed to protect themselves from wild animals or highwaymen, and carried a post-horn which they blew on entering a town or village.

The rates on letters when stamps were brought into use in Canada were 3d. for letters not exceeding half ounce in weight, more than half ounce but not over one ounce 6d.; one and one half ounce 9d., and two ounces one shilling. The rate to the United States was 6d., or 9d. if to California or Oregon. The first lot of stamps, which were procured from Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Co., of New York, consisted of 250,000 3d. stamps; 100,400 of 6d.,

and 51,000 of the value of one shilling.

Here we note that the value designated to the highest denomination was "one shilling," whereas the printed value read on the stamp as "twelve-pence." This peculiar feature for years puzzled all the leading philatelists of Europe and America, until finally explained by the writer in an exhaustive article published in the Metropolitan Philatelist for November, 1890. Here I gave, for the first time, written and oral proof why the stamps had to be marked "twelve-pence" instead of "one shilling;" how, also, the monetary system of Canada was so cut up by a mixture of French, English, American and Canadian mode of reckoning in decimal or currency, and how vague would be the idea to different inhabitants of Upper and Lower Canada as to what amount a shilling really was. The French Canadians called twenty cents, Canada currency (or ten-pence, old currency), a shilling, whereas the English-speaking people called a shilling as twenty-four cents—12-pence. Then again the Canadians on the U. S. borders called the twenty-five cent pieces or a quarter-dollar also a shilling. There was also a value known as the "York Shilling," accepted by the French at 6½-pence, and the English at 7½-pence. A French person would call thirty sous as twenty-five cents, while the English called it thirty cents. The French called a dollar five shillings, and the English four shillings, also four shillings six-pence. Even at present a shilling with the French inhabitant is only twenty cents. Therefore we see that unless the authorities stated explicitly on the stamp its real value, *i. e.*, "12-pence," they were liable to have 6½d., 7½d., 10d., 12d., and probably 12½d. for a "one shilling" stamp. The proof is positive, the argument was overwhelming, thus we see the value expressed as it *had* to be, not from any error or oversight as supposed by many, but because it was the only way over an otherwise insuperable barrier.

In 1854 the Postmaster General, recommended the issuing of the 7½d. and 10d. stamps in order to correspond with the changes in the packet letter charges. The 10d. was issued first, then the ½d. and 7½d., the 12-pence being withdrawn. Of the 51,000 of the latter ordered but 1,510 were issued to postmasters, all being used it is supposed, as none were returned, and the remaining 49,390 were destroyed by fire along with other remainders of the pence series, when the decimal system came in vogue.

The following are the exact dates of issue of each denomination:

3d., 6c., 12d., on April 6, 1851.

10d., on December 5, 1854.

½d., 7½d., on August 1, 1857.

The following pence stamps were issued:

Value.	No. printed.	No. issued for use.
½ penny	3,450,620	3,389,960
3 "	3,550,400	3,528,700
6 "	420,478	402,900
7½ "	100,080	82,410
10 "	172,200	141,000
12 "	51,000	1,510

The above table includes all the pence issues, perforated or unperforated. Only the ½d., 3d. and 6d. were perforated officially. The ½, 3, 6, 10 and 12-pence were printed in sheets of 100, and the 7½d. in sheets of 120 stamps.

The papers employed for the pence issue were numerous, comprising the following varieties:

For the 3-pence — Pelure, laid, thin, grayish, white, hard and soft wove, ribbed, cream, thick and medium papers.

For the 6-pence — Very thick, spongy, white wove, hard and soft wove, laid, slightly ribbed, grayish, white and cream, hard, stout, wove, grayish, very thin, pelure, medium laid and soft, thin, ribbed papers.

For the 12-pence—Vertically laid, hard, soft, and medium laid papers.

For the ½ penny—Very soft, thin, ribbed, white, hard, medium wove, slightly ribbed, thick wove papers.

For the 7½ pence—Hard, medium wove, white, thick, very lightly ribbed paper.

For the 10-penny—Very thin, almost pelure, wove, grayish, medium, hard, stout, also slightly ribbed papers.

In order to arrive at a proper and fair valuation of the many different varieties of paper and color of the impression upon the Canada pence issues, the Ottawa Philatelic Society appointed a committee to prepare a priced table giving the approximate value of the various principal varieties of these stamps. A committee composed of Messrs. W. J. Beatty, F. C. Anderson (both of the Canada P. O. Department), and the writer, spent some time in researches to get at the possible rarity or number issued of each variety. In Canada where the collector goes into a distinction whether it be of paper or of the color of the ink on the stamp, it is well to know the value of the various specimens. The following is the result so far attained that for the 12-pence being only an apportionate value:

CANADA.

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		NEW.	USED.
1851	3d pelure, red and verm.	$4 00	$2 00
"	3d ribbed, hard and soft, red and vermilion	5 50	3 50
"	3d laid, dark red	3 00	1 25
"	3d " vermilion	2 00	1 00
1852	3d thin wove, red	1 00	25
"	3d " vermilion	1 00	30
"	3d " red brown	1 50	60
1855	3d thick wove, vermilion	1 00	20
"	3d " red	1 00	20
"	3d " red brown	1 00	30
1851	6d pelure, mauve and viol.	10 00	8 00
"	6d thin laid, brownish pur.	8 00	6 00
"	6d " black lilac	7 00	5 50
1852	6d thin wove, black	12 00	10 00
"	6d " black lilac	6 00	4 50
"	6d " purple	5 00	3 50
1854	6d thick wove, brown lilac	6 00	4 00
"	6d " black lilac.	7 00	5 00
"	6d " green purp.	5 00	3 50
1855	6d thick laid, lavender	5 00	4 00
"	6d wove ribbed, olive blk.	16 00	12 00
"	6d medium ribbed, violet black	14 00	10 00
"	½d thin wove, rose	3 50	1 50
"	½d " pink	4 00	1 50
"	½d thick wove, red	3 00	1 50
1851	12d laid, black	85 00	75 00
1855	10d thick wove, blue	5 00	3 00
"	10d " deep blue.	5 00	3 00
1857	7½d wove, green	8 00	5 50

In future issues will be given the perforated pence and cents series, also priced. The varieties as given above are distinct colors, not minor varieties of shades.—*Continued.*

CONCERNING ILLUSTRATIONS OF UNITED STATES STAMPS.

BY ALVAH DAVISON.

The stamp dealers are evidently of the opinion that while the United States Statutes forbid the making of an illustration of a stamp of this country, that there is nothing in these laws to prevent making illustrations of parts of stamps, as are seen in various catalogues.

The mission of the philatelic press being to enlighten both dealers as well as collectors, we desire to warn everyone that Section 5430 of the Revised Statutes make anyone liable to a heavy fine or imprisonment who makes anything "in likeness or similitude to any obligation or security of the United States, or any part thereof."

Section 5413 of these statutes defines all postage stamps as obligations of the United States, so there can be no doubt as to the meaning of the law.

Because the dealers who publish works containing these part illustrations have as yet been unmolested, is no reason to dwell in fancied security with the idea that the law is not being violated. I believe the stamp catalogues were illustrated for years with United States cuts, before the Postoffice Department took it into their head to put the then existing law into effect, and once the crusade was started, no one was spared. Literature, electrotypes, any thing bearing a picture of one of our stamps was ruthlessly destroyed, while more than one dealer was made to mourn the loss of hundreds of dollars worth of printed matter.

As it was once, so it will be again, and now, that the warning is given, none can say that they "didn't know."

As collectors, we would like to be able to illustrate the stamps, there seeming to be no other way in which to distinguish the countless varieties, but, as the law distinctly says that it must not be done, and provides penalties for infractions. The only safe method is not to illustrate.

It is generally thought that the law against illustrating refers to the entire stamp only, but a party mentioned lately in the papers as having been arrested in Brooklyn, made only portions of the thirty cent stamp, but these portions when put together formed the complete stamp.

If there was no law against making portions of stamps, this party could not be held, but as it is, he will only enjoy liberty after long years of service.

His act and that of the dealers is the same, the only difference being that he made his cuts for an evil purpose, while the dealers' are made for what we call a good one, but the law can recognize no cause in its violations, the only question being the wording and *intent* of the law.

Some day the authorities will swoop down on the dealers and then past scenes will be repeated, when catalogues, albums, and such things will be confiscated and carted away by Uncle Sam.

The authorities know that stamp dealers are hand in hand with them in unearthing fraudulent stamps and their makers, and they would therefore hardly impose the penalty of the law, but the safest way is the best, and to be forewarned is to be forearmed.

NEW ISSUES.

BY PEARL AND NEL.

THERE is a little paper in New York — one "*New York Stamp*" — which bids fair to be a rival of THE EAGLE; but we will trust to western enterprise to carry off the laurels.

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GEO. O. GREENE, a lively philatelist, at Princeton, Ill., recently picked up in a collection a two-cent, brown, envelope stamp (one of the rarest dies), which had been cut from its envelope and pasted on another envelope doing postal service; having escaped the watchful eyes of the mailing clerk.

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HARRY ILGENFRITZ found a postmaster recently who parted with $25.00 (face value) worth of periodical stamps. He got 140 3-cent, catalogued at 75 cents each, by paying 4½ cents each. We'll bet ten cents he threw up his hat when he emerged from the P. O.

HARRY L. ILGENFRITZ, late of Lake Charles, La., but now of Clarksville, Ia., ran up to Cedar Rapids, the tenth, to see his warm friend, E. P. Newcomer.

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CHAS. H. MEAD, of Sayreville, N. J., sold his entire stock of stamps last month. He can devote more time to his album now.

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WE recently heard a good one on "ye editor." A traveling man from Kansas City passed through Denver last week and we met him. Upon inquiry after certain K. C. boys, we found he worked for Fowler Packing Co., for which company "M. A." works. He said that one day last week a beautiful young girl called at the office for Mr. Swanbeck. The boys, full of mischief, sent her to the jolly old bookkeeper, who embraced his opportunity and chatted with the young lady in great style. He told her to leave her name and address and he would send her the paper free. He also promised her a nice set of stamps and an album. After her departure all was told Al., who, on looking at the name, found it was that of his his best girl's sister, whom he had never met. To keep solid with his girl, he sent the promised things; but he swears that he will be revenged.

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THAT miserable trash, known as "Jim and Mr. Cranky," still holds forth in the *Missouri Philatelist.*

STAMP collecting is on the increase at the Denver West End High School. Principal Hermanns says he considers it a pleasing and instructive amusement.

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GEO. A. BULLARD and Will. R. Winch, who were once in the ring as dealers, will graduate from the Kansas City High Schools this spring. As the gentlemen say nothing about the valedictory, it is presumed that neither will read it. Well, to tell the truth, "we" were not our class valedictorian—great men never are!

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WHEW! oh, whew! Will these philatelic scribblers get new subjects and cease rehashing chestnut philatelic hash?

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I HEAR that Albert Schiff, of New York City, intends starting an Auction Bureau. Success to you.

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THE "*Stamp Echo*," which was to appear last month from the Badger State, failed to echo!

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C. H. MEKEEL'S business seems to be paying. We are again favored with a price list—a 66-page one.

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THE Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 32d Auction Sale was held Friday, April 29th. Some extra rare U. S. were in the lot.

RHEUMATISM seems to have a particular spite against collectors. Newcomer has been down much over a year with an attack, and is quite serious yet. Greene (not Guy W., but Roy F.) says he is doing all his business correspondence and pen work while lying in bed suffering from its pangs which have already held him seven weeks. Ralph P. Spooner knows what "rheumatics" is, and Chas. K. Reed, the naturalist, of Worcester, Mass., suffers from a severe attack each winter. We feel like the orator who said, "all the great men are getting sick, and I ain't feeling very well myself."

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THE "*Great Divide*," published in this city, is the best western magazine published. It talks of cow boys, miners, scouts and hunters, yet it is not sensational. What attracted our particular attention to it is that several of Philately's devotees write for it. In late numbers we have seen articles by Roy F. Greene, E. P. Newcomer, etc., etc. It is a good magazine, and when you come to Denver you must visit their office and see the minerals, stuffed heads, etc., there displayed.

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SAY, Mr. Editor, I think THE EAGLE is the finest 25-cent stamp paper extant; but can you tell me what good on earth that mixture of Beardsley's is. I have read it, but must confess it to be lost time.

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Members should work with a will to increase our membership list, as with this increase all our departments are bound to prosper.

HOW WE CAN OBTAIN A STANDARD CATALOGUE.

BY WILL R. WINCH.

A short time ago, I believe it was during the summer months, one of our leading stamp papers published an article referring to the necessity of having a standard catalogue. The

needs which such a compilation would fill are many, for instance, a standard catalogue if limited to the United States, alone would put all the dealers, big and little, more on a level, and would assist collectors in finding out which dealer sold cheapest according to catalogue prices. It would prevent such sudden rises and falls in certain stamps, and keep the commissions allowed agents about the same, and as it would be regulated by the demand, not by some dealer's fancy and for his own personal good, prices would be lower and would be nearer the true value of the stamps. We would have no high price to pay for new specimens, as is the case when most colonials make their appearance, and then after we have bought them, have them lowered to about one-third value, as did the 1882 issue (unused) of Nicaragua, which were priced at $1.63 and now at 59 cents. Quite a difference, especially when a dealer buys a lot expecting a rise, and then has to sell them at less than cost, as a friend of mine did.

If a standard catalogue for the world were prepared, prices on foreign stamps would be lowered, and the price of our stamps would be raised.

One great drawback to one who seeks exchange with those in foreign countries, is the lack of a standard price. I remember one of my correspondents once sent me a big lot of "very rare stamps," as he called them, but they were nothing more or less than a lot of common, current issue of Europe. When I returned them, he excused himself by saying that he knew they were common in his country, but I live so far away he thought they would be very rare there.

Now, if we had our grand, standard international catalogue, we would be able to exchange fairly and squarely, that is, if the other fellow was honest, for we know we are.

To get a catalogue like this would require a great deal of labor, figuring and thinking, but once finished what a grand thing it would be.

The proper way to get a catalogue, so I think, would not be by adding together all the prices of each stamp, as given by our leading dealers, and dividing by the number of catalogues (as was suggested by the writer), but by adding together all the prices obtained at the leading auction sales, domestic and foreign, and from the sum getting an average.

This would give the price as the demand made it, and would be as near the true value of the stamp as we can possibly get. But this has its drawbacks aside from the labor required for such an undertaking.

At the auction sales only the rarer stamps are put up, and the young collectors, who seldom purchase stamps worth over twenty-five cents, would probably not be benefited. But then the old adage says, "the greatest good to the greatest number."

If a catalogue like this was once published the work of revision would not be as great as it is under our present plan.

I doubt if any of this generation will ever see a standard catalogue, but we may rest content in knowing that one will come sooner or later, and, although we cannot use it, posterity will.

WITH EDITOR'S QUILL.

OUR Business Manager, who is slightly crippled up but still in the fight, wants to go out bird nesting now, but as he can't leave his couch, he has to defer his oological trip, and paste stamps to while away the time. The reason he wants to go so bad is because Chas. K. Reed sent him a nice set of Ooligst's instruments. He is as handy with an egg drill as he is with a pen, and prides himself on his collection.

OF late, a number of subscribers have been complaining of the non-receipt of the EAGLE. We are as much in the dark as any one concerning their disappearance, and yet they may turn up in the course of time. In view of the uncertainty of subscribers receiving the missing numbers, we shall proceed at once to file a complaint with the Post-office Authorities who will institute a search for them. Depend on us for we shall make it a part of our duty, to see that each subscriber gets the EAGLE regularly.

MEMBERS of the I. P. A. should give Mr. H. C. Kendall (nominee for Exchange Superintendent) their most hearty support. It is my opinion you could not find a better man to fill the place. Having once been a dealer, he fully understands the work as it should be done.

HARK! What was that? Why, that is Gussie Luhn wailing because we didn't review the *Southern Philatelist*. Well, here goes Gussie, so don't kick too hard if we don't do it to suit you. The copy before us (April No.) contains among other things, "My Good Old Bygone Days," by Gussie himself. "Random Notes from Ohio," "Observations, etc., etc.

WE have been favored with No. 2 (April) of the *Long Island Philatelist*, published by Ashcroft & Ogden, Brooklyn, N. Y. It comprises twenty-four pages, and is a beauty in itself. Under the heading of "The Best Philatelic Magazines," the writer says, "THE EAGLE PHILATELIST looks big, but isn't as big as it looks. Its reading matter is spread out too much, and you can get through the paper in no time. There's not enough, but what there is, is very good." Thank you! We shall abide by your decision, and make it as "big as it looks." Beginning with next number we will have all the reading matter set in Brevier for our friend's special benefit. Then, please have the kindness to give us your opinion in just a few words.

THE JOURNEY OF ONE APPROVAL SHEET.

BY E. S. LUTHER.

One day a gentleman who was making me a business call, proposed looking over my approval account and see the travels, history, etc., of one sheet. We took sheet No. 1, and saw that its first journey took it to New York City, and was returned in four days. Then it went to a small mining camp at the base of the Sierra Nevada mountains, and some stamps taken to enrich some boy's album. Its next trip brought it to the city of Montreal, Canada, where it fell into bad hands, as it was only recovered by the aid of a lawyer. It was then sent to a Mexican cattle owner, who bought nearly every stamp on it, and after it was filled up, I sent it many thousands of miles away to a merchant in Christchurch, New Zealand, and he also nearly cleaned it of it's stamps. On its return there was several holes in it, but these were remedied and it then took in a number of the smaller towns in Ohio, Missouri, and Colorado, having some trouble with a substituter in Leadville, Colo.

Its next journey of importance was Buenas Ayres, in Argentine, and it finally came home much the worse for wear. Then it was sent to four different people in the "Southern States," and was stolen in a mail robbery in Texas, and finally returned in the letter, unopened, by the Government, having been recovered with about one hundred other letters that the robbers had not had time to open. After this eventful career I gave the sheet a rest, framing it and hanging it over my desk in my office.

After having rested it for a little over a month I sent it, in a reply to an agent in the Phillipine Islands, and in a little over two months it was returned, emptied, and cash inclosed. From this place it went to Cape of Good Hope, and while in a gentleman's possession there, was in a town that caught full force of a blizzard, and its possessor came near dying from a cold caught in the storm.

On its return I again placed it in what is now its final resting place—the frame, again hanging it over my desk. I think it fully deserves its rest, for it has been in nearly every part of the Globe.

I think that if a dealer would take time to follow out the journey of one sheet, we would have an occasional interesting story published. But I doubt if there are many sheets that can show a better record than the one I have given the history of.

You might take some of the St. Louis and New York dealers, and they would undoubtedly show a better one, but for a dealer who has only been in business for two years, I think my record cannot be beaten.

Iowa Philatelic Association.

On account of the failure of many of the members to receive the "official organ" in time, but few replies were received on the question proposed last month. The result is as follows :

1st—The Yearly Dues shall be $1.00.

2d—The Initiation Fee shall be 25 cents.

3d—The Exchange Superintendent and Treasurer shall not be required to give bonds.

4th—Nominations for Officers : — President, E. P. Newcomer ; Vice President, H. L. Ilgenfritz, J. A. Dolle ; Secretary, J. C. Jay, C. D. Reimers, W. E. Haynes ; Treasurer, J. A. Dolle, E. B. Jones, J. F. Beard ; Exchange Superintendent, C. M. Jackson, H. C. Kendall ; Librarian, D. S. Newsome, J. C. Jay.

Every member is earnestly requested to send in his vote at once. The officers elected will assume their respective positions next month, and the Society will soon be in working order. Every member should secure as many new members as possible.

Since my last report the following have applied for membership in the I. P. A., and will become members in thirty days, if no objection is received :

Chas. Gay, Des Moines, Iowa.

Ref. Fred Whittemore, F. E. Smouse.

W. S. Ankeny, 1304 Center Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Ref. Letson Balliet, Orson Luers.

H. C. Kendall, Emmettsburg, Ia.

Ref. E. B. Jones, G. R. Clifton.

E. L. Raish, 454 West Gilman Street, Madison, Wis. (resident of Akron, Iowa.)

Application blanks sent upon request.

Clarence Jackson, Sec. pro tem., Harper, Iowa.

PRINCIPAL PARTS OF THE CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—TITLE.

Iowa Philatelic Association.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

Same as of similar organizations.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Active and honorary.

Active members constitute governing body. Honorary members are those, who by virtue of valuable service to philately or this Association are deserving of the title.

All members must be of good recommendation, social standing, and active members must be residents of the state of Iowa.

Their election to be by ballot, one negative to exclude.

Name of candidates for membership to be published in official organ, or otherwise brought to the notice of the active members for one month. No objection being raised candidate will become a member.

Resignations to be in writing and addressed to Secretary.

Expulsion of members can only be upon recommendation of President and a two-thirds majority of those voting.

ARTICLE IV.—GOVERNMENT.

The affairs and business to be conducted by a Governing Committee consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and one other member. Committee to fill all vacancies in their own number.

All elections to be by ballot, at such times and place as fixed by Governing Committee, a majority of votes cast being necessary for a choice.

All elective officers to be elected the first Tuesday in November. Term of office one year. Governing Committee shall appoint the following officers: Librarian, Exchange Superintendent, Sales Superintendent, and a Couneterfeit Detector.

Governing Committee has power to remove any appointive officer.

ARTICLE IV.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

All elective officers have the duties as usually pertain to their respective offices, and appointive officers shall conduct their business subject to the provisions laid down by the Governing Committee in the Rules and Regulations of their respective offices.

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

The annual meetings of the Association to be held in State of Iowa, at such time and in such city as the Governing Committee may designate.

Nine members shall constitute a quorum at meetings. Meetings can be called by President upon written request of seven active members.

ARTICLE VI.—DUES.

The Dues shall be $1.00 per year, and the Initiation Fee 25 cents.

Honorary members pay no fees.

Members failing to pay dues or fines within sixty days shall be dropped from membership rolls.

ARTICLE VII.—BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Local Branch Societies can be organized at every place containing five or more members of the Association. These branch societies shall be governed by such laws and rules as laid down by the Governing Committee.

The Constitution, of which the above is a brief sketch, has been approved by the Committee, Messrs. Newcomer, Dolle, Jackson and Ilgenfritz.

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THE PAST YEAR.

BY H. C. BEARDSLEY.

F. Serwin; Librarian, John Messner, Jr.; Counterfeit Detector, E. Doeblin. 28—R. R. Bogert & Co's 28th sale; United Philatelic Association reorganized with Jas. L. Thompson, President; J. Bernstein, V. Prest.; S. S. Atwood, Sec. and Librarian; F. H. Barker, Treasurer. 21—W. Hadlow's London sale.

November — No. 1 of *Philatelic Hus'ler* and *Chicago Stamp News* appear; the Columbian Philatelic Society organized at Washington, D. C.; Stamp Collector's Union of Albany, N. Y., organized. 1—Brighton and Sussex Philatelic Society organized with M. P. Castle, President; J. H. Redman, V. Pres.; W. T. Willet, Secretary. 2—A. P. Roger's 2d sale. 7—Thos. Bull & Co's 26th sale. 16—C. H. Mekeel & Co's 11th sale. 18—F. C. Vehslage elected Secretary of the Staten Island Philatelic Society. 20-21—Cheveley, Wilson & Co's 22d sale. 23—Detroit (Michigan) Philatelic Society organized with A. H. Crittenden, President; Chas. Henze, V. President; H. W. Boers, Secretary; Theodore Q. Pardee, Treasurer; R. E. Smith, Librarian; R. S. Appleton, Exchange Manager. 37—4th sale of Chicago Branch W. P. U.; Election of officers of Ottawa Branch P. S. C.: John R. Hooper, President, Vice Presidents, G. T. Cary and J. Aube; Secretary-Treas, W. J. Beatty.

December — Scott Stamp & Coin Co's 52d edition price catalogue published, also their tenth edition International Stamp Album; No. 1 of *United Association Philatelist* and *Pennsylvania Philatelist*. 1—Duncan S. Wylie's 1st sale; Dr. Assmus Barnard tried in London for selling forged stamps to Mr. Giwelb. 2—Convention at Detroit of the Michigan Philatelic Association, with the following Officers elected: Geo. F. Heath, President; C. J. Van Valkenburg, V. President; A. H. Crittenden, Secretary; A. W. Shaw, Treasurer; H. W. Boers, Librarian, Henry McConnell, Ex. Manager, G. A. Martin, A. E. Smith and J. T. Percival, Literary Board. 7—R. R. Bogert & Co., of New York, and Durbin & Hanes, of Philadelphia, consolidate under the name of Bogert & Durbin Co., with a capital of $75,000. 8—J. W. Scott & Co's 6th sale; Marriage of Geo. D. Mekeel; Annual election of National (N. Y.) Philatelical Society: Jos. Rechert, President; Geo. Heneken, V. President; L. S. Morton, Secretary; R. F. Albrecht, Treasurer; George H. Watson, Ex. Manager. 9—Banquet of Branch One of W. P. U., at Chicago, held at Auditorium Hotel. 10—A. W. Batchelder (Salem, Mass.) auction sale. 11—First part of R. R. Bogert & Co's 29th sale. 15—Second part of same sale; Annual election International Philatelic Union (England) with E. Hawkins, President; Vernon Roberts, Vice President; S. F. Bickers, Secretary

and Treasurer; S. C. Skipton, Asst. Secretary. 16—S. B. Bradt & Co's 3d sale. 17—Annual election of Chicago Philatelic Society: P. M. Wolsieffer, President; W. G. H. Janssen, V. President; C. E. Severn, Secretary; A. S. Pierce, Treasurer, A. P. Hosmer, W. C. Kurzewig and S. Leland, Governing Board. 18—Annual election of Alamo City Philatelic Society, of San Antonia, Tex. Major C. E. Dutton, President; E. W. Heusinger, V. President; Chas. H. Huberich, Secretary; Albert Huth, Treasurer, who, with F. Hensel, constitute the Governing Committee; Henry Callsen, Librarian; Chas. J. Rossy, Jr., Exchange Manager; Albert Stevens, Sales Manager; Fred Noyes, Counterfeit Detective. Annual election of Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Cleveland, Ohio, with W. H. Schneider, President; G. J. Bailey, Vice President; C. N. Stockwell, Sec.-Treas.; F. G. Putz, Librarian; W. W. McLaren, Exchange Manager. 21—Alex. M. Girardin elected Secretary of the Detroit Philatelic Society, H. W. Boers, resigned. 23—5th sale of Chicago Branch W. P. U.

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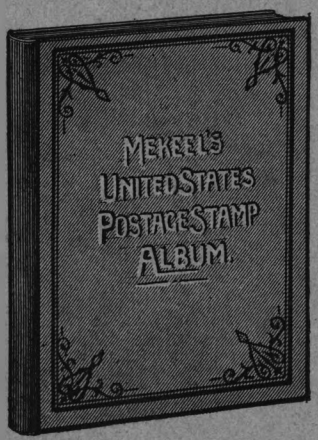

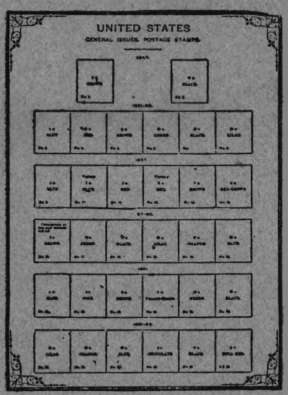

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